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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VE

SUBJECT: INITIAL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WITH NEW VENEZUELAN  
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE

1. VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE BURELLI RIVAS WAS  
RECEIVED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL ON AUGUST 6 TO  
DELIVER COPIES OF HIS CREDENTIALS AND FOLLOWING DAY VISITED  
ARA FOR INFORMAL INITIAL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. MET WITH  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH AND USOAS AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD.

2. IN OPENING REMARKS, KUBISCH EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE OF  
USG TO ESTABLISH CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. SAID WE  
WERE WELL AWARE OF FORCE AND DYNAMISM OF PRESENT GOV, HAD  
WATCHED WITH GREAT INTEREST EMERGENCE OF ITS NEW ECONOMIC  
PROGRAM, RECOGNIZED IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR SIGNIFICANT  
U.S. INTERESTS, AND FELT IT HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE  
AVAILABLE THIS AUTHORITATIVE HIGH-LEVEL CHANNEL IN  
WASHINGTON. FOR THIS REASON, AMBASSADOR BURELLI WAS  
ESPECIALLY WELCOME AS HE TOOK UP HIS NEW MISSION.

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3. BURELLI RESPONDED APPRECIATIVELY, SPOKE OF VENEZUELAN

FRIENDSHIP FOR U.S., AND EMPHASIZED COMMITMENT OF GOV TO DEMOCRATIC ORDER AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURE. HE LAUDED INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF USG AND URGED DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPROVED U.S. POLICY DIRECTED TOWARD LATIN AMERICA.

4. FOR EXAMPLE, BURELLI SAID, VENEZUELA NEEDED URGENTLY TO DEVELOP ITS HUMAN RESOURCES. AGREED WITH PRESENT EMPHASIS ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BUT STRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF "LEADERS" IN FIELDS CORRESPONDING TO VENEZUELA'S NEWLY-EMERGING RESPONSIBILITIES. SAW AS PARTIAL SOLUTION NEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH MAJOR EDUCATIONAL CENTERS OUTSIDE OF VENEZUELA AND SAID THAT HE EXPECTED SPONSOR NETWORK OF SUCH RELATIONS WITH U.S. UNIVERSITIES. HE HOPED USG WOULD COOPERATE AND ASSIST.

5. KUBISCH APPLAUDED SUCH APPROACH AND SAID WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE COULD IN THIS ENDEAVOR. EMPHASIZED DESIRE FOR CLOSEST POSSIBLE RAPPORT AND MEANINGFUL CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE ON ALL PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO U.S. AND VENEZUELA.

6. REMAINDER OF CONVERSATION BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY. KISSINGER

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